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SUBJECT: GOS CONCERN AT ALLEGED USG/EPMG MILITARY
AID "ANNOUNCEMENT"

1. DURING DISCUSSION HOSTAGES ISSUE JAN 30, FONOFF
USEC MIRGHANI ASKED AMBASSADOR RE WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS OUR
RECENT "ANNOUNCEMENT" REGARDING NEW USG MILITARY ASSISTANCE
TO ETHIOPIA. MIRGHANI SAID HE WORRIED LEST THIS DEVELOPMENT
COMING ON HEELS RELEASE KAGNEW 2 MIGHT MAKE ERITREANS
MORE DIFFICULT FOR SUDANESE TO DEAL WITH IN SETTING FREE
REMAINING AMERICANS. AMBASSADOR SAID HE HADSEEN NO SPECIAL
"ANNOUNCEMENT" BUT THERE HAD BEEN PRESS STORY SEVERAL
WEEKS AGO FROM JACK FOISIE IN ADDIS REGARDING OUR
CONTINUING MILITARY AID TO ETHIOPIA. DRAWING ON STATE 007741
AND 008422, AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED LONGSTANDING NATURE OUR
MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ALONG LINES USED WITH VP BAGHIR
TWO WEEKS AGO (KHARTOUM 0139). MIRGHANI SAID HE COULD WELL
UNDERSTAND REASONS BEHIND OUR CONTINUING PROGRAM, SINCE
LONGSTANDING RELATIONSHIP IN THIS FIELD GAVE US "MORAL
OBLIGATION" TO MAINTAIN SOME LEVEL OF CONTINUING SUPPORT.
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